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## Friendly Counsaile.

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If that thou haue a friend, be kinde,  
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He'll not leane thee in dist'esse,  
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Hereby you may plainly know  
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On the contrary, marke my words,  
Flattering tongues are worse than swords,  
They'll speake you fair while you them see,  
But quite forsake thee in thy need:  
These are perfect signes to know  
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He will not see thee so to perish,  
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For he will bring thee to decay:  
Then I advise thee how to know  
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Thy friend will grieve to see thee lacke,  
He'll speake thee faire behind thy backe,  
In words and deeds he'll still agree,  
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Hereby you may plainly know  
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Thy foe indeed is nothing so,  
For he'll reioyce still at thy woe,  
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When for thee he no more will care:  
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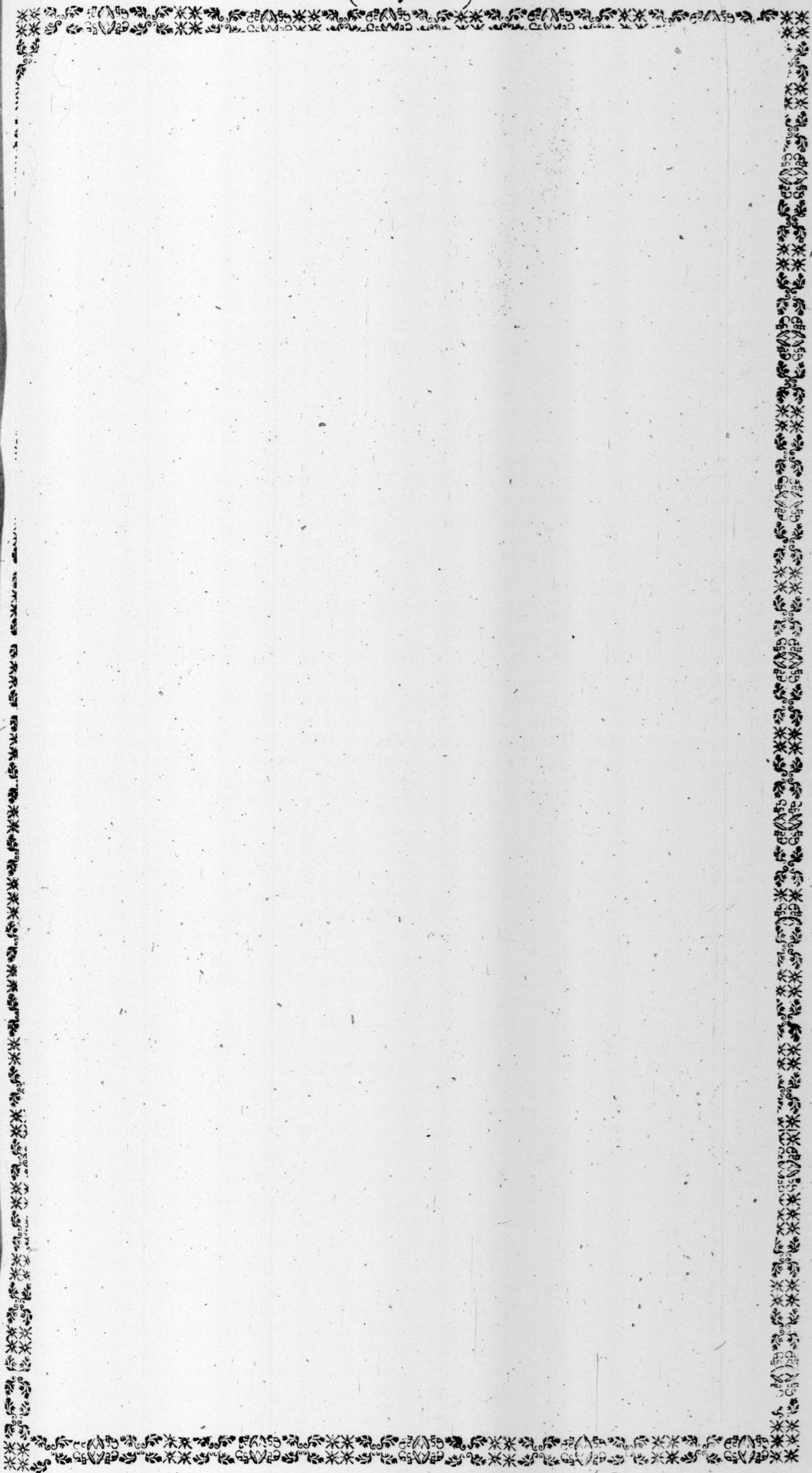
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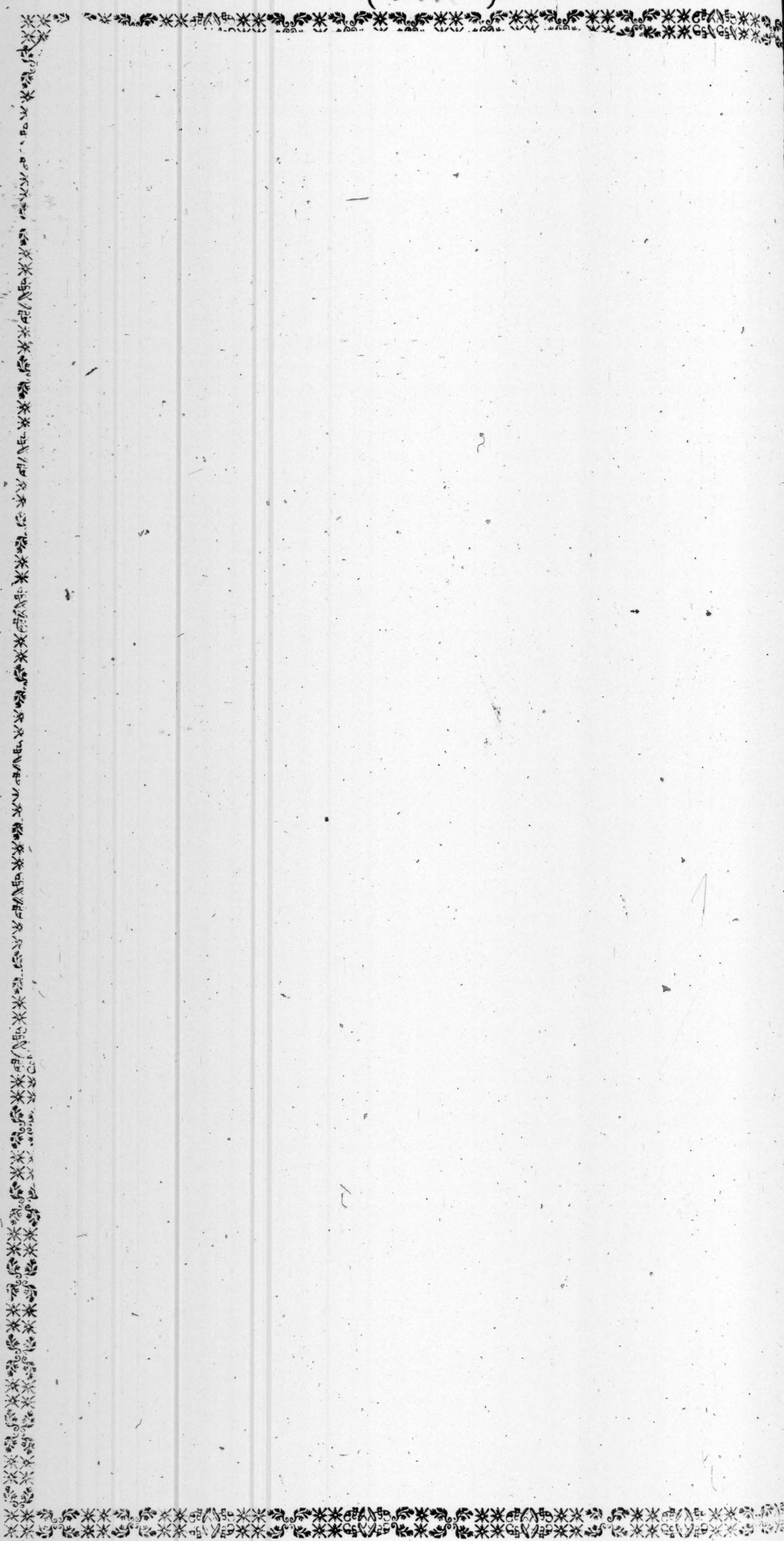
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## The Second Part.

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To the same tune.



**T**hy friend such lewdnesse soon will check,  
And tell thee thou art like to lacke,  
Hee'll bid thee alwaies haue a care  
Of that which thou dost little feare,  
And that is, poverty will grow,  
Which thy true friend would not haue so.

The false and fained Flatterer  
Will sake to trap thee in his snare,  
His words most sweet shall still appeare  
To get thy money, wine and beere:  
These are certaine signes to know  
A faithfull friend from a flattering foe.

If that thy friend be true indeed,  
Hee'll not forsake thee in thy need,  
Hee'll take thy part in weale and woe,  
Thy flattering friend will not do so:  
These are certaine signes to know  
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Now some perchance may this object,  
And say they are of the true sort,  
But such I neuer trost till I  
Their inward thoughts doe proue and try,  
Then I certaine am to know  
A faithfull, &c.

If that you want, then needs of force,  
For your reliefe you'll take some course,  
Peere stands behind and bids you goe,  
The kindnesse of mens hearts to know,  
And where once you have try'd it so,  
You'll know your friend, &c.

Thy friend will wondrous sozry be  
To see thee fall to misery,  
And to his power hee'll giue reliefe  
To ease thy dolour, woe and griefe:  
These are certaine signes to know  
A faithfull, &c.

Your faire tongu'd flattering hypocrite  
Will say that you were bold of wit,  
To spend your meanes so foolishly,  
And lacke so long before you dye.  
These are certaine signes to know  
A faithfull, &c.

When this aduice take then of me,  
Before need comes goe thou and see,  
Try whilst thou hast of thine store,  
And see where fauour may be shorne:  
Then thou soone shalt finde and know  
A faithfull, &c.

And looke where thou didst fauour finde,  
Where be not waivering like the winde,  
If that thy friend proue iust and true,  
When doe not charge him for a new:  
Thus to all men I doe show  
The difference twix a friend and foe.

For my part I may plainly say,  
That friends are apt for to decay,  
In wealth a man shall haue great store,  
But very few if once growne poore:  
This I write for men to know  
A faithfull, &c.

When I had meanes then I had friends,  
But now I want, their friendship ends,  
Now but few will take my part,  
For helpe release me of my smart:  
This I have writ for men to know  
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Thus to conclude and end my Song,  
Let me aduise both old and young,  
If thou doe with for many friends,  
Then haue a care and get some meane:  
Then you need not care to know  
A faithfull friend from a flattering foe.

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